



The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement. It is not a dream of motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position.

The American Dream that has lured tens of millions of all nations to our shores in the past century has not been a dream of material plenty, though that has doubtlessly counted heavily. It has been a dream of being able to grow to fullest development as a man and woman, unhampered by the barriers which had slowly been erected in the older civilizations, unrepressed by social orders which had developed for the benefit of classes rather than for the simple human being of any and every class."

James Truslow Adams, 1931

Immigration

- **Ellis Island** – America's busiest immigration port. Opens in 1892.
 - Millions of immigrants arrive here btwn. 1890-1924
 - 100 million Americans today can trace their ancestry to Ellis Island.
 - Most Asian immigrants arrive at Angel Island in San Francisco

Immigration

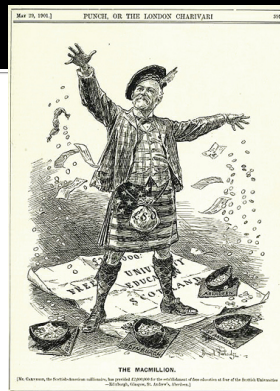
- **Push Factors:** Conditions that drive people away from their home country:
 - Poverty
 - War
 - Environmental Factors
 - Religious and Political Discrimination

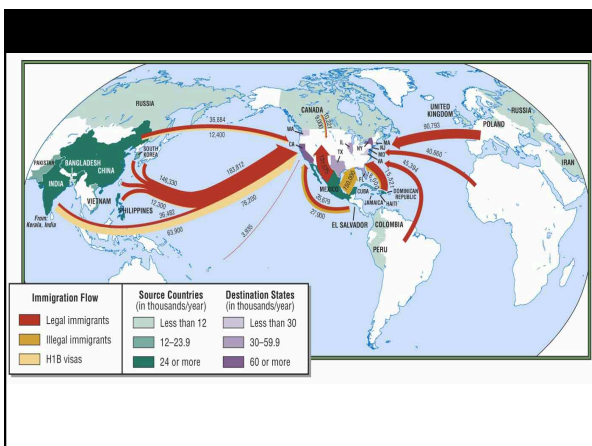




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- **Pull Factors:** Conditions that attract people to America
- **Examples:**
 - Hope for wealth
 - Jobs
 - Land
 - Education
 - Medical Care
 - Religious and Political Freedom





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■ Great Migration

- The movement of 2 million black Americans from the South to Northern cities btwn. 1900-1930
- To escape discrimination, find work in new industrial economy
- Leads to explosion of cultural arts and industrial economy in Northern cities



Immigration

■ Countries of Origin

■ 1820-1920

- **Europe:** 28 million (Western Europe primarily before 1880, Eastern Europe thereafter)
 - Many are European Jews, fleeing discrimination
- **Americas:** 4 million
- **Asia:** 1 million

■ Since 1965:

- ...the immigrant pop. has quadrupled
- Mexico, China, Philippines, and India